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Dear Rabbi Cooper:

I have been asked to reply to your letter to Secretary Muskie of May 9 concerning your interest in the Raoul Wallenberg case.

Following discussions on this subject in Vienna in June 1979, the Department raised this matter with the Soviet Embassy twice more -- in July and in October, 1979 -- seeking further clarification of Wallenberg's fate. We pressed the Soviets again in December for a full and adequate response. Regrettably, the Soviets failed to respond to our requests until February 29 when they formally and in writing reaffirmed their claim that Wallenberg had died in the USSR during July, 1947. The Soviets also stated that they had informed the Swedish Government directly of their latest findings and suggested that they would have no further information on this matter in the future.

Given the current depressed state of our relations with the Soviet Union and the tone of the February 29 reply, we do not believe that the Soviets would be responsive now to further inquiries now about Raoul Wallenberg.

Unfortunately, the Secretary's very busy schedule precludes his meeting with you during the period you suggested. I assure you that the Department continues to monitor all significant developments in this tragic case and will inform you should any new information develop.

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Sincerely,

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